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TO: Executive Policy Team
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FROM: Daniel H. Heyns, Director

SUBJECT: General Population Reintegration Program

SUPERSEDES DOM 2012 - 21 (effective 2/1/12)

The Department piloted a voluntary General Population Reintegration Program at the Alger Correctional Facility for prisoners who are resistant to engaging in group activities common in a traditional general population. This resistance results in the prisoner requesting placement in segregation. The Program is not designed for those prisoners whose protection needs can be met only by placement in segregation.

The Program has proved successful at transitioning prisoners into a traditional general population setting and thus reducing the need for segregation placement. The Program therefore has been expanded to the Baraga Correctional Facility and the Chippewa Correctional Facility. Other institutions may offer the Program subject to approval by the Deputy Director of Correctional Facilities Administration (CFA). The CFA Deputy Director shall ensure that a manual is maintained detailing the operation of the Program, consistent with requirements set forth in this Director's Office Memorandum; the manual shall be available to wardens of institutions offering the Program and to staff involved in the operation of the Program.

Prisoners in the Program may participate in all activities and services provided to prisoners in a general population setting. To assist in their successful transition into the general population, however, these prisoners are not required to engage in traditional general population group activities or be involved in any activities that require the mass movement of prisoners. Activities that are traditionally provided to general population prisoners in a group setting, or which require mass movement, shall instead be provided to these prisoners in the housing unit, the prisoner's cell, or in other specially designated areas of the institution. Activities also may be provided at specially designated times or under escort, as needed. Housing unit activities shall be scheduled when prisoners who are not in the Program are out of the housing unit.

In addition to select work assignments offered to prisoners in the Program, these prisoners will be placed on the institutional work assignment list used for all general population prisoners. However, if the prisoner does not want an assignment outside of the unit when offered, he shall not be reclassified as unemployable for purposes of PD 05.01.100 "Prisoner Program Classification". The refusal shall not be considered when determining qualifications for indigency status pursuant to PD 04.02.120 "Indigent Prisoners".

The Security Classification Committee (SCC) shall identify prisoners who may benefit from placement in this Program. SCC shall discuss the Program with each identified prisoner and answer any questions the prisoner may have. If the prisoner wants to participate in the Program, he shall be required to verify in writing that he understands the requirements of the Program and that he voluntarily agrees to participate in the Program and abide by its rules.

Once a prisoner in the Program is willing to engage in group activities comparable to those offered to all general population prisoners, he may request termination from the Program by submitting a request in writing to his Housing Unit Team. The prisoner shall be terminated from the Program within ten business days of receipt of the written request by the Housing Unit Team. A termination request does not preclude a prisoner's reclassification to administrative segregation if the prisoner's actions while in the Program warrant such placement.